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Division of Workforce Solutions Bureau of Workforce Programs

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SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP MASS CHANGE

CROSS REFERENCE: Food Stamp Handbook, Appendix 18

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

PURPOSE

This memo provides the new Food Stamp (FS) cost of living adjustments (COLA) for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2002.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) adjusts the gross and net income limits, the maximum allotment, and the excess shelter expense deduction amounts in October. The changes are effective October 1, 2001. The changes will be made in CARES on 09/08/01 so that ongoing cases will use the new amounts effective 10/01/01. Applicants for FS on or after 10/01/01 will use the new amounts. These amounts are also found in CARES table TFST and TFEP. They will be added to Appendix 18 of the **FS Handbook** appendix in the next release.

EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

The excess shelter deduction will change from \$340 to \$354.

INCOME LIMIT AND ALLOTMENT CHANGES

Following are changes effective 10/01/01.

TERMS

AG = Assistance Group FPL = Federal Poverty Level OM 01-57 Page 2 of 2

| AG Size | 165% FPL GROSS Income Limit | 130% FPL GROSS Income Limit | 100% FPL NET Income Limit | Maximum Allotment |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | \$ 1182 | \$ 931 | \$ 716 | \$ 135 |
| 2 | \$ 1597 | \$ 1258 | \$ 968 | \$ 248 |
| 3 | \$ 2012 | \$ 1585 | \$ 1220 | \$ 356 |
| 4 | \$ 2427 | \$ 1913 | \$ 1471 | \$ 452 |
| 5 | \$ 2843 | \$ 2240 | \$ 1723 | \$ 537 |
| 6 | \$ 3258 | \$ 2567 | \$ 1975 | \$ 644 |
| 7 | \$ 3673 | \$ 2894 | \$ 2226 | \$ 712 |
| 8 | \$ 4088 | \$ 3221 | \$ 2478 | \$ 814 |
| 9 | \$ 4504 | \$ 3549 | \$ 2730 | \$ 916 |
| 10 | \$ 4920 | \$ 3877 | \$ 2982 | \$ 1018 |
| 11 | \$ 5336 | \$ 4205 | \$ 3234 | \$ 1120 |
| 12 | \$ 5752 | \$ 4533 | \$ 3486 | \$ 1222 |

DEDUCTIONS THAT DID CHANGE

Heating Standard \$203 Other Standard \$117

DEDUCTIONS THAT DIDN'T CHANGE

The following deductions will not change:

Standard \$134

Dependent Care.......... \$200 or \$175 depending on the age of the child

Telephone Standard..... \$27

Medical Expenses Expenses over \$35 for elderly or disabled only

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